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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Security Council the attached communication which he has received from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Annex

Letter dated 10 May 1994 from the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a report on the high-level talks between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Iraq held in Vienna from 9 to 10 May 1994. I should be most grateful if you could issue instructions for its circulations as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hans BLIX
Director General

Appendix

Joint statement issued at the conclusion of high-level technical talks held in Vienna from 9 to 10 May 1994

1. From 9 to 10 May, discussions were held in Vienna between Iraq and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in the first part of the seventh round of high-level technical talks on the implementation of the plans of the IAEA and of the United Nations Special Commission for ongoing monitoring and verification in Iraq. Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq, met with Mr. Hans Blix, Director General of the IAEA, and the Leader of the IAEA Action Team, Mr. Maurizio Zifferero. These talks were a continuation of the process begun in July 1993 during the visit to Baghdad of the Executive Chairman of the Special Commission.

2. The actions taken to date in phasing in many elements of the IAEA's plan for ongoing monitoring and verification were reviewed. During the past several months Iraq had provided to the IAEA extensive cooperation and both sides agreed that this had contributed significantly to the phasing in of these elements. Confidence was expressed that continued cooperation would contribute as well to the implementation of the remaining elements within the schedule envisaged during the March 1994 talks.

3. The importance of the establishment in the Middle East of a zone free from weapons of mass destruction, as referred to in paragraph 14 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) was stressed by both sides. The Director General stated that the IAEA was doing its very best to advise States which may negotiate such an agreement, about the Agency's expertise in the field of verification and about the modes of verification which might be employed.

4. Discussions took place on the status of technical cooperation in the areas of medical and agricultural applications of radioisotopes and radiation and the IAEA undertook to reevaluate the extent of such technical cooperation that would be appropriate in the context of the relevant Security Council resolutions.

5. More detailed follow-up discussions were also held with a view to resolving specific outstanding issues. The Iraqi side reiterated its readiness to assist the IAEA in such matters.